

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 802 - SB 1257

March 23, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a rebuttable presumption that equally shared parenting is in the best interest of the child unless the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence to the contrary or the parents have agreed to a different custody arrangement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will make equally shared parenting time, rather than joint custody, the rebuttable presumption with regard to custody of minor children.
- The proposed change will not have a significant impact on the caseloads or the amount of time to hear a case in the state and local courts. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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